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## I. IF WORLD WAR III STAYS NUCLEAR FREE . . . . . Part Three

And the war drags on. The first lesson to learn about the global conflict is the tenacious nature of the participants (this aspect means the fighting will continue for a long time). The second lesson the war teaches is the fluid character, in time and space, of the battles (this factor means the fighting will shift from place to place, from time to time, in intensity). The third lesson we need to know is the diversity of roles played in the deadly production by the combatants (this element means the War is not waged by every nation in the same way, though the degree of involvement in the war is not predicated upon the degree of direct engagement in the fighting). There are many other subtleties and understandings of the War which are useful for the space enthusiast to know. These three lessons are sufficient, however, for the basic conception of the global strife necessary for the spacer to determine the possibilities of the Space Revolution under prevailing circumstances.

Many weeks have passed since the last issue of Morale Booster and the War has had many twists and turns, many progressions and developments in that time. We do not intend to review in detail these events and consequences but we think it valuable to consider some of the War's recent history. The Space Revolution, our main focus, interacts intimately with World War III. Some perspective on the War is needed, as a consequence, which can only be gained by familiarity with the broad patterns of the strife.

For examples, we choose the South African Front, the European Theatre, the Middle Eastern Front, and the United States of America. Each one illustrates a different quality of the conflict. Each one demonstrates the validity of the lessons we have learned.

Latest newspaper reports (Los Angeles Times for the period May 24-31, 1976) indicate the beginning withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. There has been only scattered fighting in the south and east of the country by guerillas of UNITA and government troops. However, South Africa, in its capacity as ruler of South-West Africa, has decided to create a strip the length of the Angola-South-West Africa border some hundreds of yards wide in which anything that moves, especially if it is human, is shot on sight or other detection. Naturally, the quiet of this sector of the Southern Africa Front has been more than compensated by the upsurge in hostilities in the Rhodesia, Zambia, and Mozambique area. Salisbury is hiring hundreds of mercenaries all over the world (U.S., Germany, Britain, France, etc) and just a few weeks past increased the military callup to 50,000 or so men (more than double the usual number of regular army, police and reserves). The number of incidents has skyrocketed and deaths now run in the scores every week when just two months ago they were perhaps a score a month at the height of military activity. The United States government has committed itself to the liberation cause of the black nationalists, though the commitment at this stage is only economic and diplomatic (the American mercenaries, we must realize, are quite independent of the American government). The Republic of South Africa has purchased a French nuclear reactor only days ago while an American firm is seeking permission to sell South Africa millions of dollars worth of enriched uranium fuel over the next few years. In this context it should be noted that the Prime Minister of South Africa, John Vorster, recently gave an interview to an American weekly newsmagazine in which he spoke quite frankly about South Africa's nuclear potential. As important as the current battles of any conflict are the preparations for future battles made by the combatants. Mozambique this past week (May 25-31) concluded extensive trade and aid agreements (economic, military, technical, etc) with the Soviet Union (which supplied the Cuban expeditionary force in Angola). Zambia has decided to allow guerilla activity on its border with Rhodesia. Rhodesia has announced a policy of extended hot pursuit of terrorists to their sanctuaries (and beyond). There is little question that by the end of Spring, Southern Africa will be burning at much hotter temperatures than these.

The social disintegration of Europe has slowed in some nations, grown in others and been complicated elsewhere. The killing expands in Ireland and England once again. In the first four and one-half months of the year, nearly 130 people have been assassinated

in Ulster and a rash of letter bombs were discovered in England not many weeks past. Furthermore, Britain is marked by increasing racial tension. Pakistanis and Indians are beaten, demonstrations by anti-immigration groups are organized with thousands in attendance. The British pound and economy also continue their slow slide into complete disruption despite the progress made with recovery of the North Sea oil. In Italy, the prospect of the Communists coming to share power in the government is causing much concern within the populace. In fact, the current Italian political scene is marked by rather frequent (and frequently fatal) acts of violence: kidnappings, beatings, vandalism of party offices, outright murder. A certain stability has characterized the Iberian Peninsula but even there the separatist movements continue, the political regimes remain largely untested and the economies are shaky. In addition, Europe as a whole is becoming a terrorist battleground with Paris seeming to be the favorite place for assassinations and diplomats the current targets for political murder. By no means have we fully examined the tension and conflict of the European Theatre, but the point of the essay is not detail.

No one questions the rising tensions and battles in the Middle East. The war in Lebanon claims an average of 100 people per day and has been expanded in that foreign troops by the thousands are engaged in the crisis. Israel has shown restraint towards the Syrian intervention; yet its troubles with the Arabs in the Occupied Territories are more than ample compensation in strife and unrest (six have died in riots so far this year). The fact that Syria renewed the mandate on the Golan Heights without political conditions gives, at most, six months of quiet in one sector. All combatants are heavily armed in the Middle East; it is easily the most militarized region of the globe. Now, nuclear weapons in all but name or test explosion are possessed by Israel. The arms race between the Soviet Union and America is not comparable to what we witness in the Middle East. After all, more than fifty years have passed since Russians and Americans faced one another in combat (and even then, during the Bolshevik Revolution and Civil War, the scale was minor). The Israelis and Arabs have been drawing blood for the past quarter century.

It remains for our survey to consider the United States itself as a battleground. Certainly the casualties are not great; a few dead here, a few there. Nonetheless, this minor fighting (consisting of mercenaries in Africa, observers in the Sinai, kidnapped officials in Lebanon, bombings across the U.S.A., racial disturbances, etc) serves as preparation for the larger battles to come. The millions of dollars in arms we sell to the most troubled parts of the globe (when we are not giving them away) are used for one purpose: violence and more violence against both internal and external 'enemies'. Presidential candidates declare complete solidarity with Israel in its effort to survive. At the same time, the United States accommodates itself to the Arab states sworn to Israel's 'secularization' (more or less for everyone a synonym for 'destruction'). We have yet to reap the whirlwind. But we begin in Lebanon.

Enough. The spacer grows weary with this talk of war. Space enthusiasts, no matter their political affiliation, see human waste on a vast scale in these maturing crises and cross-crises. How is the Spacer Population to affect these passions? Can spacers affect them away from war and into Space? A definite "Yes" can be given in reply to both questions but that is not to say that the affirmative response means the ways spacers can affect these realities are obvious or not enormously difficult.

As we have said in past installments of this essay, the secret to spacer success in turning some of the neergies of war to the Space Revolution lies in a proper understanding of gravity. On the cosmic scale, gravity is the only force which matters. Though on the reduced scale on which we live and

work gravity is often overshadowed by other forces, it nonetheless can serve as a primary source of energy for the Space Revolution. This power does not accumulate rapidly; yet it grows exponentially.

Gravity, mass, and inertia are intimately related (we understand the term 'inertia' in both its active and passive senses). The precise manner in which these factors are related need not concern us here; intuitive observation is sufficient. Gravity increases with mass; inertia increases with mass, too. When the mass is small then gravity is weak and inertia not strong. As the mass becomes larger, the gravitational attraction of the mass on other bodies becomes larger, too. The field over which the mass' gravitational force is significant increases as a consequence. As inertia increases in like fashion, the tendency of the mass to remain at rest or continue its motion grows and grows. It is clear, then, that the influence of the mass in question will be determined by the interplay of these three factors.

Let us regard the Spacer Population as the mass in question. At the present time this mass is broken into many pieces distributed over great reaches of space and lesser reaches of time. Each piece of the Spacer Population, the Spacer Mass, exerts its influence over some specific region of spacetime. For those pieces, such as our organization, which are small the influence is limited. For those pieces, such as the Space Now Society (which is said to have 400 members), that are much larger than UFOESP, the influence is correspondingly greater. For pieces that are enormous, such as NASA or one of the aerospace firms manufacturing rockets, the influence exerted through their gravity extends over vast regions of spacetime.

These obvious statements have their logical conclusion: increase the aggregate total of a single or multiple Spacer Mass system. We seek individual effect through mass action. Some of the inertia is political in nature. From this observation flows the realization that the Space Revolution must become both more dominated and less limited in its scope through the mutual attraction of its scattered bodies. Finally we note the spatial effects of large mass bodies: physical distortion of the Void itself.

(to be concluded)

## II. Progress Is Our Most Important Product

We advance to MidAmeriCon! Therewere some questions to be answered and the powers that be have replied. We sent our reservation fees for the hotel room in February from Australia. Just recently the General Secretary of Antares Chamber informed the rest of the Board that the proper papers had finally arrived. A few weeks past we reserved a huckster table for the convention which will provide the delegation with the opportunity to present the evidence for the Space Revolution to hundreds of individuals. The delegation intends to turn its 'parlor room' into a secondary, more intensive, distribution center for the Revolution's propaganda. U.F.O.E.S.P. has begun to prepare the convention membership for the delegation's arrival through two different advertisements, one each for the last (Fifth) Progress Report and the special commemorative edition of the Program Book. Tremendous excitement reigns at headquarters! Robert Heinlein, one of the Great Triumirs of literary science-fiction, will draw thousands upon thousands of enthusiasts. Located in the center of the nation it can be expected that nearly every major writer, publisher fanzine writer, artist, editor, scholar, you name it! will be present. We can not underestimate the significance of this convention being the



50th anniversary, the Golden Anniversary, of modern science-fiction. The symbolic importance is enormous. The convention will be honored, emulated and studied in fond memory by thousands for years to come. We must ally ourselves with these forces. Gravity demands!

The delegation needs further preparation. And one of the most important unfinished items is the composition of the delegation. So far we have two firm commitments to attend the 34th World Science-Fiction Convention in Kansas City, September 2 through September 6 this year. The President, Graham Maughan, and the Treasurer, Linda Strickler have decided to represent the organization. They, and the Board as a whole, very much would like a third person to complete the delegation. Any active member or passive member willing to step forward should transmit their interest to the Board as soon as possible. The organization has paid for one night's rent and the membership fee for three people. It is unquestionable that the convention will be an experience to remember for a lifetime. Not the most intense perhaps, but one of a kind definitely. Begin transmitting!

MidAmeriCon will occur during a very potent time. The communications from Mars will be analyzed to a great extent on many major questions by the beginning of September. The results will be electrifying. We have every reason to expect the level of space awareness and activity of last year to be not a peak for the next half-decade but a trough. MidAmeriCon will be an excellent opportunity to probe the Spacer Population for recruits and resources. This event will, in fact, be a watershed. The very nature of U.F.O.E.S.P. will be determined for the last of this year and the beginning of 1977 by what results we obtain from the MidAmeriCon delegation. We foresee great success; but such turning points can represent disaster as well. When we, the Board of Governors, beseech the membership to generate greater energy within itself towards actualizing as much of the Space Revolution as we can as rapidly as we can we are not making conversation to pass the time. The General Secretary of Antares Chamber, the President, the Treasurer and their assistant J. Hinrichs feel personal rewards from participation in the organization's work are possible and significant. Let MidAmeriCon be a creative, growing statement about ourselves as well as the Revolution!

The Space Revolution is oriented towards the future. The past is never forgotten but material satisfaction derives from the exploration of the future. MidAmeriCon is not yet upon us and still we focus beyond its occurrence to the summer of 1977. These past months have brought steady progress, if not lightning growth, in our plans for the first Convocation (Humanistic, Revolutionary) of Space Enthusiasts. CHRYSE-1 has stimulated consistent interest among the United Futurist Association. We hope to soon actively enlist one of their members and leaders, James Prince, in preparations for CHRYSE. We have learned of many organizations focused, at least in great part, upon space and have begun the slow work of contacting them and making bridges to their leaderships. A year or so lies before us in which to take the necessary actions to insure the success of the gathering. Space each day is more in the news; it is time for attempts to stimulate popular enthusiasm for the Space Revolution.

If MidAmeriCon provides the essential renewal that U.F.O.E.S.P. requires, CHRYSE-1 will then be the most important project we will have. If we are to become fully a catalytic force for the Revolution, we must broaden our attention from recruitment and resource building to include political action. CHRYSE will be political in that it will bring together many centers of struggle for the Space Revolution and provide these centers' leaders and co-ordinators an opportunity to plan concerted political acts. This conference will deepen the commitment of those already engaged in the battle for space through reinforcement of their intuitions that the forces working for the Revolution are diverse, resilient, and well-founded.

We must use every project as the foundation for the ones to follow. Thus, though the delegation to MidAmeriCon will speak a great deal about the Space Revolution, and will present a pitch for membership or purchase of U.F.O.E.S.P. material, they will also focus much energy upon publicity for CHRYSE-1. We hope to have working arrangements with some other group by the time of the convention so that we can actually begin to sign people up for it, sell memberships or dues or attendance fees. Certainly we will have a sample program produced. These mundane efforts, so bound to Earth, are gantries for the rockets of acts to come. October 4, 1977 will be the twentieth anniversary of the launching of Sputnik One. We may expect a commemorative act. The Fall of 1976 will be marked by the two Viking probes to land on Mars. Saturn and Jupiter will be the target for the summer of next year. The Soviet Union should be conducting manned flights soon and continuing for months. CHRYSE-1, symbolic of the new life to be discovered within the Spacer Mass, will stimulate and partake of these events. The Space Revolution develops with greater and greater intensity. Discoveries will plummet to Earth. It is our task to make the first Convocation of Space Enthusiasts equal to its potential.

For various reasons, production of all literature has slowed. We hope you will be faithful in your patience. The Fourth Petition, about which much has been spoken over the past six months, has not been abandoned, only delayed. The primary responsibility of the Board of Governors is to the historical record. Consequently, the greatest effort for the next few weeks will be upon Morale Boosters. Then will come the collected essays on the Space Revolution, primarily gathered from these pages. If at all possible, the Fourth Petition will be written in August and mailed no later than the first part of September. This will be for historical purposes more than political effect. But history can not be over-valued! In any event, the Fifth Petition (discussing a rational space program in terms of projects rather than goals) will come at a more politically important time: Spring after the Presidential elections. With CHRYSE-1 planned for the summer of 1977 it can be seen that the hope of the Board of Governors is to provide the organization with a solid ideological and activist base. We can not deny the weaknesses of U.F.O.E.S.P. Yet we can not abandon the effort either. We are too strong for that. Every day, no matter how slowly the Space Revolution appears to come to our individual lives, signifies growth and increased effect of the Space Revolution. It is the Bicentennial year! A declaration is necessary! Let us make it the mastery of Outer Space!

### III. Stimulus/Response: July 10, 1976. . . . .

"I am a student attending the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona and I have become interested in your organization through the L-5 Society Newsletter. I am an L-5 member and would like to find out more about your organization. The short spot you got in the April issue of the L-5 Newsletter did not describe very much of the things your organization is presently and futurely doing.

"I am interested in joining your organization and in helping to 'spread the word' on space exploration. If you could send some information on this and other topics, plus membership costs and benefits, I would greatly appreciate it.

"Thank you for your time and consideration."---Andrew C. Schuerger, 901 North First Ave. #22, Tucson AZ 85719. . . .The most difficult task U.F.O.E.S.P. faces, as any organization faces if it attempts creation of a mass political movement for space, is building the solid and extensive

communications network essential to make a coherent revolution for space. Since the inception of our organization, a major effort has been directed to contacting and learning about as many spacer organizations as possible. Thus, it has been exciting to receive communications such as these from other groups' members. Although the L-5 Society has shown the greatest interest in U.F.O.E.S.P., others have contacted as well. This column will print many of these letters beginning with this issue. We must be realistic about recruitment prospects for our organization. The second paragraph of the above letter probably has a stronger basis in mutual enthusiasm of the moment rather than a solid conviction that U.F.O.E.S.P. is a strong candidate for patronization. Nonetheless, these usually brief contacts serve a vital purpose: reaffirmation of the belief that the Spacer Population is both broad and deep. Furthermore, the historical character of each participant group behind the personal interchange becomes strengthened. Mr. Schuerger was written and a selection of literature was sent. Whether he devoted great attention or little to this material, he became enmeshed in the web of the Space Revolution a little tighter, firmer, and completer. In this fact lies the key to understanding the inevitable nature of the Space Revolution.

"Please send me all of the information you can please on your club, United For Our Expanded Space Programs. I would very much love to belong to such a program as yours. I belong to the L-5 club and I am very much in support of living and working in space sometime during our lifetime. Please, sir, send me all of the information you can. I thank you very much." John K. Shryock, RD 1 Gehman Road, Barto PA 19504. . . .When we speak of a broad commonality for space, we speak of old desires for new horizons. The fascination with the Void has roots in the intrigue with new climes and horizons that dominated the progressive sections of European society during the 16th and 17th centuries. To live and to work in space corresponds rather closely to the visions held of the New World in those long ago times. It is not often that we receive a letter as enthusiastic and imploring as this; perhaps the author felt the heat of the revolution upon his back. Whether our structured, if impassioned, approach will appeal to such an individual, we can not say. But we are certain that his energy is there to be tapped for the work which needs to be done. The problem for us, as it is for any seeking to use these human resources, is the determination of the methods necessary for activating the individual for the Space Revolution.

"I would like some bumper stickers--'Space is the Place'. Can you also give me some information regarding your organization? Enclosed is a check for \$1.00." Joseph Aquilina, 6356 Ellsworth, Detroit MI 48238. . . .The advertisement we placed in the Magazine of Fantasy and Science-Fiction begins to bear fruit. One of the vital signs of U.F.O.E.S.P. is the diversity of approaches we assume for our propaganda. It goes without saying that the Board of Governors yearns for the sort of steady, modestly sufficient resources which allow vigorous development of any project. Yet our efforts, as thinly spread as they may be, are not simple random shots in the dark with only hope for a profitable result. Each doorsticker purchased is another declaration for space. Each petition distributed is another shout for the Void. Each advertisement placed in convention program books is another step forward on the road to revolution. This is not to say that we do not have our troubles. This is not to say that we as a particular organization can not meet a quick demise. It is a profound recognition, however, that the movement of which we are an active part will continue to transform and dominate the world as an historical inevitability.



"Got your address off a Star Trek Con[vention] bulletin board in New York last February. Obviously you were there too.

"I got the idea your group was interested in assuring a future for NASA and other worthwhile endeavors. Please send information to me as I am interested in same.

"Delayed response is due to fact I moved from Pittsburgh to Berkeley last week and had mailed my stuff ahead. Enclosed is the usual SASE for your convenience." Dana Packard, 925 Fresno Avenue, Berkeley CA 94707. . .As some of the readers may recall, the December 1975 issue of Morale Booster carried a letter from Michelle Klein discussing publicity at the tenth annual Star Trek Convention. Delayed the response may be, but it is no less welcome. If Ms Klein had been able to have had the full assistance which she wanted, there is no question that this single letter would have been matched by scores of others (at least). The lesson to be drilled into our heads is the importance of concerted action. Each one of us, no matter how talented, resource ladden, or experienced has limits of time, competing obligations, and other interests. Individual acts, solitary examples of initiative contribute to the furtherance of the Space Revolution. But they are not given real impact except through cohesion and coherence with one another. The past few months have clearly shown to the curious mind the potential rewards to be gained from active pursuit of many different spacer groups. Those who are deeply committed to Star Trek are one such potent field for proselytization. The afficianados of literary science-fiction (a somewhat distinctive group from the Trekkers[ies]) are another vast potential resource for the Space Revolution. The academic community closely allied with the study of space (geology, nuclear physics, astronomy, astronautics, etc) is yet a third example of possible sources of strength for the movement. These, and all others, however, can not produce in meaningful measure unless co-operation of all elements in the struggle is sought. Ms Klein is to be commended for her initiative at the convention. More importantly, she should be aided by all who are able. There will be no miracles in this struggle, however many surprises come to pass. But if we band together in action, communication, and encouragement, then we should create a moving, dynamic organization with notable, even obvious, influence. Space is the place! Space is the Place! Can it be so hard to shout it to the stars? Then how easy it must be to shout it to ourselves, we who declare our loyalty to the Space Revolution!

#### IV. Treasurer's Report--July 11, 1976

As of 7-10-76 we had \$4.33 in the Treasury. Meager! Since last report, we have spent \$4.44 for the December MB copying, \$28.53 for January MB printing and postage, \$20.00 for an ad for Progress Report #5 for MidAmeriCon, \$20.00 for an ad in the MidAmeriCon Program Book, \$30.00 for the Huckster Table at MidAmeriCon, and \$3.80 for postage to General Secretary of Antares Chamber. Our income has been the following: \$11.94--bumper sticker sales, \$22.00--donation from President Maughan, \$2.00--doorsticker sales. That's it. Add it and subtract it and balance it out--we have seen the treasury drop from \$75.16 to \$4.33. It's such a sad, sad tale.....I feel depressed about the situation.....we have all these marvelous ideas and projects and we are losing all these opportunities because we are about to drown in economic woes and financial miseries. We pause for a moment of silence. We meditate, we try to understand the hidden meanings.

Let us move from the Concrete Treasury to the Abstract Treasury. From the above accounting one can see several items relating to MidAmeriCon. This is the exciting news from the Abstract Treasury. The delegation to

this convention will, perhaps, serve one of the most important functions for U.F.O.E.S.P. to date. It will be the privilege and responsibility of the delegation to present the credentials of the organization to hundreds of people. This convention is potentially the make-or-break moment for U.F.O.E.S.P., at least financially. The Board of Governors can only support the organization for a few more months without going broke. We are in drastic need of money. Hopefully we will be able to gain new members, and enthusiastic ones at that, who will give of their time and money. The cause is good, but the support is dwindling. We attempt to build U.F.O.E.S.P. into a nationally-known influential lobby for space. We cannot continue without the help of old and new members.

As has been said by many people in the past, time is money. In this respect, the Treasury of U.F.O.E.S.P. is rich. We have time. Unfortunately, the amount of time which is contributed by the few active members is small, indeed, compared to what there is available. However, we forge ahead, even though we are alternately elated and depressed by this fact. There is so much to be done! There are so many good ideas! The War continues its escalating pace unabated, and the Space Revolution seems woefully behind. Fortunately, U.F.O.E.S.P. is not the only organization which is promoting space; there are many groups like ours struggling to make ends meet. We read their pleas for money and for volunteers. While we are not ready to lay U.F.O.E.S.P. to rest, we do cast our eyes upon these other organizations and wonder if our talents could be used for space through them.

We, of the Board of Governors, feel that United For Our Expanded Space Programs can offer an organization which will utilize the best ideas and talents of Spacers. But we cannot continue our program of Petitions to The People's Representatives or other lobby activities without financial support from our membership. We regret that this message must be stated so frequently and we hope that our delegation to MidAmeriCon will be a huge success, bringing many new, active members.

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The morale of the Board of Governors was boosted today by the contents of the mail and it gives me great pleasure to relay the news. We have been receiving inquiries from Space Enthusiasts who receive the L-5 News and also we have placed advertisements in several appropriate media. Now we are getting some positive response! We have two new passive members! This may seem a small achievement, but it gives new life to U.F.O.E.S.P. because not only does it increase the Treasury but it also increases the possibility of new people adding their voice and energy to the cause of Space. One of the new members sent a beautiful letter with his check and I wish to quote him in part. We hope his voice will be raised soon in an upcoming issue of Morale Booster, but until then here is some of his message:

"Thank you for sending me information on your organization. I am interested in taking part in any movement to strengthen the world's space programs. I am fairly certain that space is good for mankind. I hope that out of space exploration will come the realization to human beings and their leaders that war is meaningless destruction, and that there are far better things for people to do with their time and money, both on Earth and in space. [We've been saying just this!]

"At present I am a poor physics major at UCSD, and can only afford to be a 'passive' member for the time being (enclosed is a personal check for \$4.99). However, I would like to be 'active' in any other possible sense...." Jeff Bytof, 1847 Freda Lane, Cardiff, CA 92007

THANK YOU JEFF!!! What more can we add?

---The Board of Governors